



## Mount Greylock State Reservation Visitor Survey

### Answers to Open Questions

**If website information fell short, indicate how DCR can improve it.**

More Pictures, live weather conditions maybe a web cam, more detailed history of the mountain and the tower at the summit and lastly details of each trail, ie: time, length, ect.

I am looking for current weather conditions in winter time to determine if hiking/skiing is possible.

BETTER MAP OF RDS LEADING TO AREA

The distances on some of the trails are questionable. Is Jones Nose to AT from Rockwell really only a mile? The signs on the trail suggest 1.4, and books I have suggest 1.2 or so. Also, no distance given, or rating for the short, but beautiful and difficult Peck's Brook trail connecting Gould and Cheshire Harbor, and I wonder about the distances you give for those trails on the suggested hikes. Finally, the Gould trail map shows the Peck's Falls Shelter trail as far from the Peck's Brook trail, when in fact they're only about 0.1 mile apart. In other words, if the trail maps and distance guides can be improved, please do!

They can try to put a lot more information on the DCR website.

add some more detail.

Other than Pictures being limited to just 5 the site was great. Hope to see more pictures of different seasons, trails, summit, weather conditions, ect. Maybe even a short video.

Difficult link to get to, haven't seen it advertised before question #2 on this survey.

More great photos

## What questions do (or would) you have when visiting Mt Greylock?

History of Mountain settlers, Forts, Indian names and Tribes

How long do round trips take when hiking a specific trail. What are the weather conditions and snow/ice levels.

none

How much snow is on the mountain?

More information about conservation of the mountain, its flora and fauna and landscapes, and preservation of the trails would be wonderful.

What trails to take to summit?  
What is the story of the park?  
What should I expect to do and see?  
How much time should I expect to spend here.

geology of the mountain

I can't think of any questions.

My comment is that cool birds.

How old is the monument? How tall is the monument?

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what is the biggest mountain in the united states?

dont got one

The history of the park

How are trail conditions? Has there been any wildlife sightings within past few days?  
Can we camp out on the mountain?

fresh free drinking water would be nice

There used to be trail maps one could get at the summit and along the trails themselves. When I was there, there was none to be found. So why aren't there trail maps?

Fee should be collected before one enters the park road system. Fee should not be charged when visibility is 0% at the summit. drivers should also be told to put headlights on during all conditions. Still very dangerous in rainy/foggy conditions and hikers crossing roads could see headlights (i hope) and not be in danger.

None

What are the elevations of the scenic areas? Better signage of what town lines we cross.

## **What was your primary activity at Greylock today?**

photography

Did not go today but the last visit was to bring my son's girlfriend to the top as she had not been there

Great hiking

Hiking

photography

Hike the Thunderbolt & snowboard down!

Looking to do some snowshoeing

CCC information

great!

sightseeing

Hiking and camping

Hiking

Trail running

Hiking.

Hike trail - climb tower - see gorgeous views in all directions!

sightseeing

Hiked up the mountain with friends while on a home visit from Colorado.

Hiking

sightseeing and picnicing

To spend the night at Bascom Lodge

hiking

Sightseeing

When I visited in 2009 I hadn't been there in many years. Was amazed at how much they had improved the road.

observing the wonderfull views

It was sunny and hot out.

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hiking the trail

hiking, site seeing, field trip

hiking

walking in the woods

sightseeing

Sight seeing - not too much since it was raining and foggy.

hiking

Star Gazing Party

Hiking, sightseeing

Hiking the Jones Nose Trail to summit. 8hrs round trip.

Viewing and picinc.

Didn't go there today. Last month, did some hiking, and lounging and visiting with friends at the top.

Trail Running

hiking

Take in the views, have a bite to eat and spend time with friends.

Driving, sightseeing for views

just to enjoy the view. I didn't visit today but did visit on Sunday.

sightseeing

sightseeing

Hiking Money Brook Falls Trail, then drive to the top for the scenic view from the tower - except the tower was closed. Why? at 5:00 PM?

Short hike from the top, climbing up the Memorial, visiting in the Bascom Lodge, taking pictures

To see improvements made to the road

To see the view at the top of the tower. Unfortunately i never made it to the top.

Motorcycle Tour

Just taking in the great scenery.

## How did you hear about this park?

lived in Adams

Live nearby

Live in North adams

Friends in Cummington

Live in Clarksburg

Google Search for Highest peak in MA

don't remember

I've lived in Adams, MA most of my life!

Internet

friend

DCR website on state parks

a friend that lives near by

It was my backyard growing up

Friends, a drive up the Mohawk trail and over the Hoosacs 6 years or so ago, AT books and other hiking guides and hiking websites.

Internet search reference from the Clark info listings

driving by

Grew up in North Adams

Friends

live in the area

Grew up in Lanesboro

live in Williamstown 40 years

Live locally

Grew up around the area!

lived in Adams my whole life

newspaper

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My father told me about it.

from my dad

we live in the area

my friend

i live in north adams

visited several times

Known entity

Website

Adams resident

Google Search for Mountains to hike near CT.

life long resident of Mt. Greylock area

Have been visiting since I was a child.

I live in North Adams

I live in the area

Friend

My father took me as a child

Long time vacationers ...

I live at the base in New Ashford

drive past it while at Jiminy Peak timeshare

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I live in North Adams

Grew up in Pittsfield

Media

Friend

Don't remember. Been coming to Greylock ever since I was a toddler. Could see it from my bedroom window.

### **Other comments or suggestions:**

The war memorial tower needs to be kept in better condition. The inside has missing pieces of tile and flooring.

native american and first settlers good topics for families and why trails have names they do.

none

I love the mountain and all it has to offer! The only thing I could suggest is to label some of the trails better!

can't wait to return in the spring

I'm sorry, didn't look carefully at menu, later found excellent map great job, great asset for comm

I really like the "hike" in experience for camping. Should have this experience in more state campgrounds.



Greylock is a gem. Thanks for keeping it polished!

DCR does a wonderful job. The quality of signage and general upkeep is extraordinary - we in Connecticut should go to school on the fine job you do in Massachusetts. Greylock is a treasure and you do a superb job presenting and caring for her. I also love the Mt. Everett Reservation, though I wish there were a small tower at the summit for better views. Thank you!

Having hiked up the Cheshire Harbor trail, I can say that the facilities including environmentally friendly outdoor toilets were well cared for, and on what seemed likely the busiest day of the year. Excellent place!

We would have liked to climb the war memorial.  
Have a educational program during the day

I hiked up to the summit of Mt. Greylock last weekend. We did not pack a lunch because we were going to have lunch at the lodge.  
We were sad to see that the prices were so high and the entire menu had changed. Also the look and feel of the lodge was very very different. We did not feel welcome or comfortable there at all. I know times change but this was too much of a change. Also I saw that they have a liquor license. I do NOT agree to serving alcohol to people who maybe driving down the mountain. I see it as a recipe for disaster. I think that the state/town of Adams should really reconsider that license. Before there is some tragedy.

This was the first time I had been up there since the road renovations. I loved the new guardrails.They fit in to the landscape. Bascom Lodge renovations were great!

I will not be returning to Bascom Lodge ever again. The staff was rude. The rooms were dirty. And the inside of the lodge now looks like a funeral parlor. I don't know who is responsible for all the changes up there, but things really are NOT what they used to be.

surprised and discouraged to hear road into campground closes, and that site is getting little use. with new roads up mountain the campsite should be a highlight. I urge re-opening the road in, and advertising accessible (although rustic) campsites!

I went there with family members. Had a wonderful day. We had a picnic and everyone we met was friendly!

love greylock...have driven and climbed many times over the years

Repairs are needed inside the war memorial!

it was well worth the trip and i plan to return in the fall

I like Mount Greylock!!!!!!!!!!

The park RIC did an excellent job with our school group.

Was planning to hike down from the top, then back up, arrived later than planned to carry this out.

Three comments:

1. The parkway road looks and rides great.
2. The memorial tower was not appealing as the leaks made it feel unsafe at its base.
3. The fee structure for the park system seems a bit off that you pay to get into one park and then go to another on the same day and have to pay another entrance fee. We hit all of the Northern parks (Clarksburg camping, Natural Bridge, Greylock, Savoy for swimming) in one and half days. In other states, paying the camping fee usually covers you for all other parks' attractions for the period that you are registered at the campground. It is not stated clearly at Clarksburg or any of the other facilities that you either pay at each place or buy a season pass up front.

too many people on top - it ruins the experience

Got there late for star gazing party so VC was closed, wish it was open later

Beautiful!

We love Greylock and hike it on a regular basis!

LOVED the Thunderbolt ski race and hope it is allowed to be held again this winter!

I wish the summit would be returned to the condition of my childhood. Specifically missing are the picnic groves. I would visit more often if picnicing were better accommodated.

Question 12: I did not see any park staff

Question 13: There are public restrooms? at the summit?

Question 15: There's a swimming area? Are you pulling my leg??

Overall: I answered "Met Expectations" to many questions, because that is literally the true answer. I have been to Greylock many times and know what to expect. But I didn't like giving that answer because it sounds like I am saying the park is a mediocre place, which it's not. It's much better than that.

All the Park staff looked terrible in uniforms. Ungroomed, wrinkled clothes, and untucked shirts. I only saw three people in uniforms. Two at the VC and one guy collecting money. If they are going to where a uniform they should at least try to look some what official and look half way decent.

I can't believe the summit gift shop and snack bar were closed for a wedding!!!! That is

outrageous. If someone gets married in a public place they are the ones who should put up w/the public, not the other way around!!

We were glad the park reopened after closing for repairs. The "new" park is GREAT ... beautiful signage, great looking guardrails ... Will take time to see Visitor Center next time there.

I clicked "Fell short" about park staff, because there was no park staff. What happened to the guest book that was always sitting near the window sill as you walked into Bascom Lodge. It's not there anymore. The State can't even afford that?

Explanation for Question 16 - we did not go to the VC but went to the Bascom lodge and couldn't locate any trail maps or brochures from there. I'm not sure what's offered at the VC but some similar materials, that would be easily located, would be helpful in the lodge

At least this entrance on the north adams side did not have heavy construction equipment like the entrance to Clarksburg State Park. What is the deal with being greeted by that mess?

I think staff members should take visitors to the top of the tower in a groups of 10. When each group has finished, come to the bottom BEFORE the next group up. The spiral staircase is narrow enough, and it makes it difficult for people going up and down at the same time.

Beautiful Views

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